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Application of: Kubota *et al.*

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For: METHODS OF ISOLATING BIPOTENT  
HEPATIC PROGENITOR CELLS

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2003, and in accordance with the Rules of Practice, please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below.

Submitted herewith is: (a) a Petition For Extension Of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1).